

City of Newport Beach, CA

City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Curry & Council Members

FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager

DATE: October 4, 2013

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Date: October 4, 2013

Marina Park Clears Coastal Commission



The City's application to amend the Marina Park Project Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to increase the height of the lighthouse and add the Southern California (SCE) Parcel has been approved by the California Coastal Commission. The Coastal Commission staff deemed the amendment as an "immaterial amendment," which means it was in substantial conformance with the earlier approval. The amendment was submitted on July 29, 2013, and the immaterial amendment determination was made by South Coast District Deputy Director Sherilyn Sarb on September 6, 2013. As no written objections were filed during following ten (10) working days, the amendment was approved.

The amendment restores the height of the lighthouse to the 73-feet envisioned by the original project plan. The SCE Parcel was also a part of the original project, but not included in the original CDP because the City was not able to acquire the property until recently. The acquisition of this property will be used to provide additional public parking and landscaping.

Building Projects Status

The first of two high-rise buildings at 650 Newport Center Drive is currently in the process of building out the interior office space for PIMCO. Completion and move in is expected early 2nd quarter of the 2014 year.

Staff has been working with the architects of the Island Hotel as they have proposed a substantial remodel to their current lounge, restaurant, and pool areas.



The second of the two high-rise buildings at 520 Newport Center Drive continues to be constructed with completion of the shell expected in early 1st quarter of 2014.



The Meridian project on Santa Barbara Blvd is in its first phase of construction with 26 proposed townhome units to be built followed by phase two with 53 units. First unit occupancy is expected December 2014.

Building Activity

The Building Division continues to experience strong development activity with seven new homes permitted in September and nine homes permitted in August.

Building staff has been working hard and maintained a high level of counter service. Consistently between the months of July through September, 80% of all plan checks were addressed at the front counter on the same day in the presence of the applicant and 90% of all plan checks were completed in 10 days.



Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: October 4, 2013

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

Life Safety Services Division

THE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

The White House created the Champions of Change program to recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that are doing "extraordinary things to empower and inspire members of their communities."

On September 24, Life Safety Specialist Matt Brisbois, and CERT Board Member Karen Tringali, attended a special ceremony at the White House where Matt was honored as one of



only 18 individuals selected this year as "Champions of Change for Community Preparedness and Resilience." The Mayor, City staff, many of the City's CERT volunteers and Fire personnel gathered at the Friends Room of the Central Library to watch the

ceremony streamed live on the White House website.



During this ceremony, Matt also accepted two National awards honoring the efforts of the Fire Department, its CERT members, and most importantly, the Individual and Community Preparedness Award for Outstanding CERT Initiatives that Newport Beach received in 2012 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

As quoted from the White House – Office of Communications' September 23 Press Release: Matt Brisbois is the Life Safety Specialist responsible for the CERT Program and its volunteers for the City of Newport Beach, CA. Since taking leadership of this program in 2006, Matt has trained and mentored over 1000 residents, business and community leaders, and educators.

A core group of committed volunteers saw an opportunity to take this program to the next level through active engagement of volunteers on a recurring basis to support a disaster scenario. With Matt's assistance, this core group took the



initiative to step into leadership roles and develop events, programs, and training opportunities that resulted in stronger, more resilient and adaptive volunteers who now feel empowered to affect change throughout the City.

The CERT Volunteer Board of Directors now manages a number of programs, community events, and specialized initiatives that support volunteers citywide in their preparedness efforts. We are truly honored to receive these significant awards and bring them back to Newport Beach to share with all of our CERT volunteers, and as Fire Chief Scott Poster stated, "To have Matt recognized as a Champion of Change for his efforts is a well-deserved commendation for Matt, our program, and all of the volunteers."

LITERACY PROJECT FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



On September 25, the Literacy Project Foundation held its annual fundraiser at the Big Canyon Country Club. Over 265 guests gathered to celebrate their success, honor supporters, and highlight five student graduates.

Assistant Chief Kitch and NBPD Officer Todd Vinson also attended and served as role models for the young students. Kevin, one of the project's star students, wants to be a Firefighter. The foundation's work has been very successful, as demonstrated by young Kevin's reading abilities. The Fire Department is proud to be able to participate and support such an impactful and

successful program.

SUSAN G. KOMEN ANNUAL RACE FOR THE CURE

On September 22, fourteen runners sporting pink NBFD T-shirts participated in the 22nd Annual Komen Orange County Race for the Cure event held at Fashion Island. The group included a breast cancer survivor, an L.A. City Paramedic, and a woman who flew all the way in from Oklahoma to unofficially represent the Newport Beach Fire Department. According to the group, the shirts were a big hit judging by all of the compliments they received. A big "Thank



You" goes to Captain Chris Fanti for delivering the shirts in time for the race!

Training Services

SPORTS DRINKS VS. ENERGY DRINKS

Do you know the difference between a "Sports Drink" and an "Energy Drink?" The Training Services Section attended a lecture in Carlsbad on October 1,that spoke about the roles and responsibilities of firefighter rehabilitation and medical monitoring on the fire ground. National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1584 gives a comprehensive outline of medical practices and procedures that should be followed when dealing with exhausted, overheated, and fatigued firefighters. How does this have any relevance to you, you may ask? Because if you work out, compete in physical activities or rely on "energy drinks" to get through a busy work day, this information may pertain to you.

The speaker was Dr. Mike McEvoy. Dr. McEvoy is a Paramedic, RN, Firefighter, and the Chair of the EMS Council for the State of New York. He is an avid marathon runner and rock climber, so he mixes his medical and empirical data with the competitive world of sports. Dr. McEvoy warned of the dangers of energy drinks and their use in society. A sports drink (i.e. Gatorade) typically has sugars and has the benefits of carbohydrates, potassium and sodium. Obviously, each are slightly different and have different ingredients, but that is essentially their makeup. Energy drinks, on the other hand (i.e. Monster and Rock Star), have a host of other ingredients such as caffeine, sugars, tuarine, ginseng and a host of others. Although coffee and even some sports drinks have caffeine, it is the combination of the ingredients in the so-called energy drinks that have potential deadly effects.



The United States Military performed an extensive three year study on the effects of the body, and how it adapts to dehydration under physical exertion, the loss of potassium, sodium, other essential vitamins and minerals. They concluded that the best way to combat dehydration is simply with WATER. Same thing humans have been drinking since the beginning of time. But, we are a culture that is always searching for the latest and greatest edge. Most avid athletes know that a sports drink can provide you a slight boost of energy because of the carbohydrates and sugar. However, water would provide your body with what it needs during exertion - healthy fluid. Energy drinks have been associated with a large and concerning number of illnesses and deaths - especially in teenagers and young adults in their 20's. The combination of ingredients have been medically to cause heart proven arrhythmias/irregularities, heart attacks.

migraines, vomiting/diarrhea, loss of consciousness, and even psychotic disorders leading to suicides. There have even been reported cases of miscarriages due to these drinks. When coupled with high exertion, the rise in these dangers increases exponentially. Energy drinks have already been banned in several countries and have been banned during large scale fires in the State of California. We know that many of our City employees are active participants in physical activities and compete in various athletic events. Please do some homework and use caution if you choose to consume energy drinks.

NEWPORT BEACH

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE:

October 4, 2013

TO:

Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM:

Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director

SUBJECT:

News from HR and Risk Management

HUMAN RESOURCES HOSTS ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR

Over 400 City employees and retirees attended the annual 2013 Health Fair, held at the Central Library on October 3. Attendees had the opportunity to visit vendors and receive services such as flu shots, chiropractic demonstrations and blood pressure screenings in addition to obtaining benefit information for the 2014 plan year.

Human Resources would like to extend a special thank you to Library Services, Municipal Operations, IT/GIS and Finance Department members who helped make the health fair a success and to the various vendors for their donations of raffle prizes, which were greatly appreciated!



Health Fair

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Calpers Statements Now Available Online

CalPERS announced that Annual Member Statements are now available online and will no longer be mailed, as they were in previous years. Those wanting to get statements online can log on to their my|CalPERS account at

https://my.calpers.ca.gov/web/ept/public/systemaccess/selectLoginType.html on or after October 28, 2013 to download the information. For more details, please call CalPERS at 888-CalPERS (888-225-7377).

REMINDER: OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

City employees and retirees are reminded that the deadline for choosing 2014 benefit plans is **Friday**, **October 11**, **2013**.

Active employees can enroll themselves and dependents online utilizing the Employee Assistance Center (EAC) on the City's internet site at:

https://www2.newportbeachca.gov/eac/login.aspx.

Employees and retirees are welcome to call Human Resources at extension 3300 with any Open Enrollment questions.



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



October 4, 2013

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

The Final Countdown

It has been a busy and bittersweet last couple days as my final days here in Newport Beach approach. There have been lots of last meetings, going-away parties and fond farewells, all amidst packing and tying up loose ends. I will miss everyone, but I'm looking forward to my new life in Nashville.

Bistro 24 Express is Open

We are excited that Bistro 24 Express is now open. Although the official Grand Opening is not until Monday, October 7, the Bistro started serving on Monday and the food looks and smells delicious. They have a pretty extensive menu with Kean coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, oatmeal, fresh fruit, pastries, soup, cold and hot sandwiches, salads, flatbread pizza, and desserts and snacks. They open at 7a.m. on Monday through Friday, at 9 a.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday, closing an hour before the library each day.

Sunday Musicale and Children's Author

This Sunday will be a busy day at the Central Library. Duo Ondine, an award-winning flute and harp duo, will be performing at the Sunday Musicale in the Friends Room and cartoonist Mark Tatulli will be showing children and their parents how he creates his wonderful characters in the Children's Room. This program is part of the Foundation's Making Memories for Children series. Tatulli is well known for his comic strips, 'Lio" and "Heart of the City." He will be introducing his first children's book at the event "Desmond Pucket Makes Monster Magic." Whale of the Tale Bookshoppe is working with us on this event and will have books available for purchase and signing.

Orange County Children's Book Festival

Katherine Mielke, Marketing Specialist, and Joanna Ransom, Library Assistant, represented the Newport Beach Public Library at the Orange County Children's Book Festival last Sunday, passing out literature and signing up new library card holders to the crowds of book lovers attending the show. We had a 10' x 10' booth, courtesy of the NBPL Foundation.

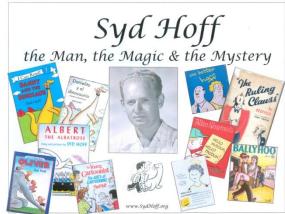
Syd Hoff Exhibit

On Monday, we will open a special exhibit "Syd Hoff: The Man, the Magic and the Mystery" upstairs at the Central Library. The exhibit featuring artwork and memorabilia from the legendary cartoonist is on loan from his niece, Carol Edmonston, until November 3.











October 4, 2013

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

SUBJECT: City Manager's Newsletter

Senior Chief Gary Tegel's Naval Retirement



On Saturday August 24th, on the flight deck of the U.S.S. Midway Museum CV-41 in San Diego, Senior Chief Gary Tegel ceremoniously retired from 33 years of service with the United States Navy, both Active and Reserve duty. Ushering Gary into retirement were many Chiefs, Senior Chiefs, Master Chiefs, and a crowd of young sailors whom Gary mentored. One of those sailors is 1st Class Petty Officer Justin Power, a former Utilities Division employee. Gary has worked in the utility field for 28 years and has been working for Newport Beach for the past 16 years. He currently serves as the Water Quality Coordinator in Municipal Operations Department.

Thank you, Gary, for your dedicated service to our country and congratulations. Wishing you fair seas and following winds.

Maintenance of Facility Rooftops

Last month, Facilities Maintenance staff was contacted by California Department of Fish & Wildlife personnel regarding the increase in seagull activity on the rooftops of the Back Bay Science Center. Our steam cleaning contractor removed large amounts of guano from the roof shingles, which took half a day to complete. Staff is currently working with a local exterminating company to develop a bird deterrent plan that will be effective and also respectful of the many protected bird species in Back Bay.





End of Summer Activities

Municipal Operations Department staff worked Saturday and Sunday schedules for summer activities during the 17 weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Crew members from the Operations Support Division continued to maintain the high level of cleanliness and safety in the beach areas and surrounding commercial districts for the summer visitors who come to enjoy the City beaches.

Among the daily summer maintenance activities is the summer supplemental restroom cleaning program, which is in its 13th successful year. An on-site contract attendant restocks paper products and provides cleaning into the early evening hours in facilities at the Newport and Balboa Piers, 15th Street, Washington Street, Corona Del Mar State Beach, Little Corona/Buck Gully, and on Balboa Island. The seasonal service ended on Sunday, September 15th.

Big Canyon Reservoir (BCR) System Upgrades

While the reservoir was out of service during the floating cover replacement, Water Production staff took advantage of the time to make some significant upgrades to the disinfection system.

The City uses chlorine and ammonia to disinfect the water. The original design called for multiple injection points and remote analyzers to control the amount of chemical used. The new design reduces the number of injection points and relocates a new analyzer near the pipe that will provide better control of the system.

The reservoir has been empty for approximately five months. It is very rare that these pipes are empty. This gave staff the opportunity to replace piping, older analyzers and install new injection points.

The reservoir started filling this week and will continue to fill over the next couple months. This new system will disinfect the reservoir as it fills and provide full time disinfection once the reservoir returns to service. Once the reservoir is filled, the California Department of Health will inspect the facility.







NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 4, 2013

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

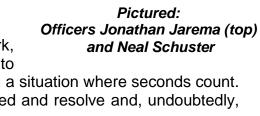
Commendable Actions

Last Friday, our Communications Center received a call that a woman had stopped breathing and was turning Officers Jonathan Jarema and Neal Schuster responded to the scene of the incident within minutes to find that the woman had a shallow pulse, but was unresponsive and not breathing.

Both Officers quickly began rescue breathing using an Ambubag (assisted breathing device) that Officer Jarema had brought from his patrol vehicle. They continued to provide breathing assistance until medics arrived on scene and administered further aid. As a result of these life-saving efforts. the woman regained consciousness and began breathing on her own. She was transported to the hospital for follow-up medical assessment.

Both Officers showed commendable teamwork. composure, and dedication to duty. They were able to

use their training and equipment to render timely aid in a situation where seconds count. Officers Jarema and Schuster acted with upmost speed and resolve and, undoubtedly, saved a woman's life.



Supporting Laguna Beach Police

Laguna Beach Police Officer Jon Coutchie was tragically killed in the line of duty on Saturday, September 21. The public safety community is like an extended family and, when tragedy strikes another agency, the effects are felt far and wide. Our Department has a particularly close relationship with agencies like Laguna Beach Police Department, who are our neighbors and collaborators in local law enforcement.

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Immediately following the incident, NBPD Dispatch and Patrol personnel went to Laguna Beach to augment their deployment. Later in the week, we took over Patrol and Communications operations completely, handling all law enforcement services for the City of Laguna Beach. This support lasted from Thursday night through Sunday, allowing Laguna Beach staff to attend Friday funeral services and take the time they needed to support each other and the Coutchie family. I was very proud of the way our Officers and Dispatchers handled this very difficult situation.

<u>Literacy Project Foundation Recognizes Graduates and Role Models</u>



Pictured:
Officer Todd Vinson and
Literacy Project Graduate
Emmanuel

On Wednesday, September 25, the Literacy Project Foundation hosted an event at Big Canyon Country Club to recognize five graduates from their Literacy Project reading program. After successfully increasing their phonetic skill levels, children graduating from the program are asked to fill out a "dream card" describing their career wishes. Out of the hundreds of submissions, five children are chosen to be paired with role models from the community who best exemplify their aspirations and career goals.

One graduate of the program, Emmanuel, voiced his dream simply: "I dream to be a cop. I want to be a cop because I can make kids safe...". This young man was paired with our own Officer Todd Vinson, who acted as his role model over the course of several weeks.

At Wednesday's event, Emmanuel and Officer Vinson opened the program by leading the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. Later, they joined the other graduates and role models in presentations highlighting the graduates' future dreams of being successful literate adults.

We are pleased to be a part of the Literacy Project Foundation's mission to enable atrisk and disadvantaged youth to increase their reading skills.

Public Works Department

City Manager's Newsletter

To: David A. Kiff, City Manager

From: Pavid A. Webb, Public Works Director

Date: October 4, 2013



Balboa Yacht Basin is a "Clean Marina"

The City's Balboa Yacht Basin marina has achieved a major milestone by becoming a "Clean Marina" – a very important distinction in the water quality field and in the marina industry in California. Dave New, our marina manager with Basin Marine, initiated the project and completed all of the necessary steps to get our marina certified – not an easy task! This certification is valid for 5 years.



Energy Efficiency and Conservation at Race for the Cure



The Komen Orange County Race for the Cure is an annual event sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Foundation to raise funds for local breast health outreach, mammography for uninsured women in need, scientific research, and support for local women while in cancer treatment. This year's event was held at Fashion Island on September 22 with an estimated 25,000 attendees.

As part of the City's event sponsorship, the Komen

Foundation provides the City with an information booth. The Public Works Department took advantage of this opportunity and partnered with Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas to disseminate information on energy efficiency and conservation.

We are happy to report this marketing, education and outreach effort was another great success. We are proud to capture the attention of a great audience in making a difference!

Traffic Signal Damaged at Birch Street & Bristol Street South

Last Saturday, a vehicle involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of Birch Street and Bristol Street South severly damaged the traffic signal control cabinet at this location. Bryan Loo from Traffic Engineering and crews from Siemens Corporation, the City's traffic signal maintenance contractor, responded immediately to assess the damage. Upon arrival, it was clear the damaged traffic signal controller could no longer be used. Spare equipment stored at the Big Canyon Resevoir along with new equipment provided by the contractor allowed crews to complete repairs within a short time and get the traffic signal operational before the end of the day.

The cost of the repair including equipment and labor will be billed to the party at fault for the incident.





Damaged Traffic Cabinet

New Traffic Cabinet

Corona del Mar Transmission Main – Working our way up MacArthur Blvd.

The City's water transmission main project continues to make progress and contractor TE Roberts has started laying pipe in MacArthur Boulevard between PCH and San Miguel Drive.

Approximately 2,000 linear feet of the 30-inch steel pipe, or just under half of the project has been completed. TE Roberts continues to make good progress on this job and we are slightly ahead of schedule. The schedule calls for all work in MacArthur Boulevard to be complete prior to Thanksgiving.

Attached is a picture of a "cross" fitting installed between East Coast Highway and MacArthur Boulevard. This fitting will connect the existing Metropolitan Water District line serving South

Orange County and the new City line providing backup supply to Corona del Mar. Two cranes were required to fit this 13,000 pound fitting into the trench while avoiding the traffic signal control conduits.

TE Roberts continues to show great expertise in constructing the project while avoiding other critical facilities, such as these traffic signal conduits!¹





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RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: October 4, 2013



<u>Tribute Band Rocks OASIS Courtyard!</u>

The Beach Boys Tribute Band concert was a big success with 240 people in attendance. The concert was held in the courtyard on a nice warm Saturday evening. Most brought their beach chairs and enjoyed a box dinner that was provided by staff. Wine and beer were sold by the Friends of OASIS Travel volunteers. This is the second outdoor concert held this summer season and the participants are asking for more. The staff looks forward to bringing more great events such as this one to the community.



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Hootenanny in the Heights!

The Recreation & Senior Services Department partnered with Councilman Tony Petros to put on Hootenanny in the Heights on Sunday, September 22. The event took place at Cliff Drive Community Center and Park with festivities lasting from 11:30am-2:00pm. The event brought together the surrounding community for an afternoon full of music, games, crafts, and a good old fashioned BBQ. A special thanks to our grill masters, the Newport Beach Firefighters Association, for their participation at the event.





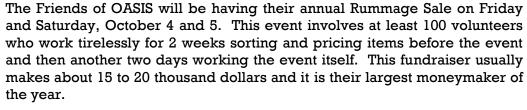














OASIS Fitness Center Turns "3"

On October 1, OASIS celebrated the Fitness Center turning 3 years old with banners, snacks, balloons and a beautiful basket of goodies that was raffled off. In order to enter the raffle, fitness center members were required to find someone on staff and share something about themselves. The Fitness Center is not your typical gym. It has more of a family atmosphere, and this allowed staff and members alike to visit and get to know each other a little better. Through the celebration and raffle, staff and some of the 1900 fitness members were able to get better acquainted.



Newport Coast Community Center Brings Season Greetings!

Fall has officially arrived at the Newport Coast Community Center! With close to 60 different classes for participants to choose from, there is something for everyone. The Center has added new classes including Parent and Me dance classes, Youth Tap and Ballet, Pilates Boot Camp, Mommy and Me Volleyball, Pop



Star Sing and Dance, and of course, Pickleball! The Center also welcomed back Irvine Valley College's daily Adult Fitness and weekly Pilates classes.

Planning is under way for winter 2014 programs, including preparing for the Center's first Breakfast with Santa event on Friday, December 6, 9:30-11am. City staff is welcome to participate with their children. Cost is \$15 for children ages 2 and up (includes one adult); free for children under the age of 2. Additional adults are \$15/each. For more information and to register, please contact the Newport Coast Community Center at 270-8100.





COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2013

This year the City's marine protection staff hosted over 500 volunteers, and collected nearly 600 pounds of trash from the Santa Ana River to Crystal Cove State Park! This was their biggest turnout to date. Volunteers learned about marine debris, and the value of healthy coastal ecosystems, while contributing to an amazing project!

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day. Families, friends, coworkers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs, and individuals come together to celebrate

and share their appreciation of our fabulous coast and waterways. This event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, which is the largest volunteer event on the planet!

WHY ARE BEACH CLEANUPS IMPORTANT?

Vast amounts of plastic debris litter the world's oceans causing all manner of harm, and most of this debris comes from land. Our beaches are collecting spots for trash from city streets and highways. Trash travels - via inland waterways, storm drains, sewers, and on the wind, and eventually ends up on the coast. If not removed, this debris will end up in the ocean. Beach cleanups are a last line of defense - to prevent debris from causing harm to our oceans, to wildlife, to our coastal economies, and even to beach-goers!



CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF COASTAL CLEANUP DAY?

Marine protection hosts monthly cleanups the last

Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon. Contact swelsh@newportbeachca.gov for more information, or to sign up.



SEPT 23-0CT 5 Friends' Boutique & Rummage Sale

(Collection dates 9/23-10/3 & Sale dates 10/4-10/5 9am-2pm)

OASIS (801 NARCISSUS AVE CORONA DEL MAR)

OCT 6

52nd Annual Sandcastle Contest

11AM-4:30PM BIG CORONA STATE BEACH

OCT 12

Art in the Park

10AM-5PM ON THE CIVIC CENTER GREEN

OCT 19

Marine Protected Area Hike

4-6PM MEET AT LITTLE CORONA LIFEGUARD TOWER

DEC 6

Breakfast with Santa \$15 9:30-11am NEWPORT COAST COMMUNITY CNTR

JAN 1

Journament of Roses Parade Excursion \$125

5AM-1PM MEET AT OASIS TO BOARD DELUXE CHARTER BUS

visit www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation or call 949.644.3151